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OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

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Dear ENERGY STAR® Ceiling Fan Partner or Other Interested Party,

Over the last several months, EPA has communicated to Partners its intent to move ceiling fan light kit requirements, previously found within the ENERGY STAR Residential Light Fixture (RLF) Version 4.0 specification, under the existing ENERGY STAR Residential Ceiling Fan specification. Attached is the Final Version 2.1 specification, which has been amended to include a new Appendix A that provides the testing and documentation requirements for ENERGY STAR qualification of ceiling fan light kits. References have been changed throughout the specification document to reflect this new Appendix A. Please note that all other requirements not related to light kits remain unchanged.

As of September 1, 2006, all ceiling fan light kits must meet the requirements presented in Appendix A of the new ENERGY STAR Residential Ceiling Fan Version 2.1 specification. Ceiling fan light kits qualified under the previous Version 2.0 (i.e., Version 3.2 of the RLF specification) will be de-listed, and no longer considered ENERGY STAR qualified, as of September 1, 2006.

EPA encourages all Partners to begin qualifying light kits to the new specification as soon as possible. Attached is an updated Qualifying Product Information (QPI) form that includes new data fields and guidance regarding testing and documentation for qualifying models under the Version 2.1 specification. Partners with existing ENERGY STAR qualified light kits will need to resubmit this new QPI form prior to September 1, 2006 for these models to remain qualified and continue to bear the ENERGY STAR mark.

Manufacturers that wish to submit ceiling fan light kits under the existing specification requirements may do so until April 30, 2006 using the old QPI form. However, as of May 1, 2006, EPA will only accept submittals that meet the new requirements provided in Appendix A of the Version 2.1 ceiling fan specification. This deadline will ensure that Partners do not invest the time and money to qualify products that will be de-listed shortly thereafter. Partners can submit completed QPI forms to Megan McCarthy, ICF Consulting, at mmccarthy@icfconsulting.com.

Thank you for your continued support of ENERGY STAR!

Respectfully,

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ENERGY STAR for Residential Ceiling Fans